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Satellite TV Invades India

Uncensored Sex, Unnerving Violence and Titillating Soaps Seed a New Counter-Culture



Family in a Bombay slum daily watch satellite-beamed US soap operas *The Bold and the Beautiful* and *Santa Barbara* as the Indian government relaxes censorship of foreign shows.

By D. M. Santa, Delhi

While the Gulf War secured an unprecedented military victory for the West, it exposed the Third World to an unparalleled invasion of the celluloid image—foreign television shows dishished in via satellite. And India is the main

victim of this assault being encountered daily by young and old in drawing rooms and bedrooms from Kasi to Cape Comorin. The assault has been led by television programs which feature subjects alien in content—es-

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Muslim yesterday, Hindu today, a converted mother quietly reflects on the new life ahead.

VHP Brings 48,000 into Hindu Fold

Vishwa Hindu Parishad Calls Their Work a Triumph—Critics Expose the Covert Costs

Christians would laud their mission zeal. Muslims bow to their unshakable faith and Lawrence of Arabia would admire their austere desert lifestyle. The work of this VHP volunteer band is the stuff of movies—twilight scenes of whole families in rural Rajasthan villages burning former beliefs in makeshift ceremonial conversion fires that welcome the newcomers into a new theological world.

As reported in the *Illustrated Weekly of India*, the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) has for 10 years aggressively plied and propagated

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Sai Baba Opens New Hyderabad Culture Center

By C.H.S.N. Murthy, Hyderabad

Though holy ash still inexplicably appears from his palm—while devotees cry and cynics sigh—the colossal reputation of this salmon-robed figure neither rests on his magic, nor is diminished by his 4' 11" height. Seventy-year-old Satya Sai Baba is one of India's true leaders and few nation builders. He is an indefatigable architect of human services—manifesting schools and children's cultural learning centers in dizzying numbers year after year.

At Srinigar Colony in Hyderabad, on August 29th, Sai Baba inaugurated the Satya Sai Kalyana Mandapam, a cultural hall, constructed by him at a cost of a half million dollars. He delivered speeches sending ripples of devotion across the city for three

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Legendary Satya Sai Baba, tirelessly working miracles in India's educational system.



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